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Aaaaaaaaaaahhhhhh!

It's all about the Scream Queens at this year's **Halloweenapalooza** Oct. 8-9 at the historic and possibly haunted **Hotel Ottumwa**. Come meet three actresses from the big screen: **Kelli Maroney** ("Fast Times at Ridgemont High"), **Lynn Lowry** ("The Crazies") and **Brinke Stevens** ("Slumber Party Massacre"). (Unfortunately, **Debbie Rochon** will not be able to attend.) Then check out Iowa's only horror film showcase weekend . . . if you dare!

It's not too late to get advance passes to save on this weekend's festivities.

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MediaMaster Series

We're kicking off our fall educational series on Saturday, Oct. 16, with **Jilann Spitzmiller**, who will explain how to budget for documentaries. [Register now](#) and then stay tuned for announcements about the next two classes in the MediaMasters series.

Workforce development continues to be an important component of our creative economy, and we're proud to offer these popular classes for **free to members of our Media Production Directory**.

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Grant Deadlines

ReConnect to Film

Gov. Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs want to help you and your organization re-connect Iowans to the arts, culture and to one another. One million dollars in new **Iowa Arts & Culture Marketing Grants** are now available to support creative marketing and advertising strategies to reopen industry venues to full capacity. (We're talking to you, movie theaters, film festivals and other industry non-profits!) **Grants range from \$1,500 to \$20,000. Deadline: Oct. 11.**



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Humanities Project Grants

We're very excited to announce a **new funding opportunity for Iowa**

filmmakers! The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has opened an annual funding cycle of Humanities Project **grants up to \$20,000**. The funding is available through a **National Endowment for the Humanities** state partnership award to the department, as Iowa's interim humanities council. **Deadline: Nov. 1.**



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Featured Listing



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From time to time we spotlight a person or support service from our Media Production Directory, like **Renovo Rentals of Clear Lake**. Iowa's newest rental house is fully equipped and ready to help with your next production. Select from **Arri Alexa Mini** LFCamera bodies, an arsenal of **Arri Signature Prime lenses**, and much more. Browse their gear and contact **Justin Fairfax** for more information.

MediaMakers: Bruce James Bales

This month's **MediaMaker** shows up on lots of crew lists around the state. **Bruce James Bales** of Des Moines is a talented director of photography who tends to collaborate on every aspect of the filmmaking process, from scriptwriting and storyboarding to production and final edits. He's all about the mission of each project and the story it tells.



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Gotham Week

Produce Iowa was a recent sponsor of **Gotham Week**,

hosted by the **Gotham Film & Media Institute** in Brooklyn, New York. The event connects creators to decision-makers and hosts a wide range of workshops and panels. Our own **Liz Gilman** moderated a session on the services and support of a film commission, as well as the value of forming authentic partnerships. By

way of example, she featured **Samuel Goldberg** and **Beth Levison**, who chose to shoot their two feature films in Iowa, and **Tim Clark**, who is a colleague and board president of the **Association of Film Commissioners International**.



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Free Viewing: 'The Foursome'



SEE THE DOCUMENTARY

The documentary short "**The Foursome**," produced by Iowa native **Jenifer Westphal**, just won the Audience Choice Award over the weekend at the **Sioux City International Film Festival**. If you missed it, you can now stream it for free on Roku. Simply visit the [film's website](#) or search the title on your Roku device to watch these old friends celebrate their 50th annual golf match in Waukon, up in northeast Iowa. Some friendships last forever, especially when golf and potato salad are involved.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Oct. 8-9: [Halloweenapalooza](#)

Oct. 11: [Iowa Arts & Culture Marketing Grant Deadline](#)

Oct. 16: [MediaMasters: Budgeting for Documentaries with Jilann Spitzmiller](#)

Nov. 1: [Humanities Project Grant Deadline](#)

Dec. 10: [Celebrate Iowa Gala](#)

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